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How to put your iPhone or iPad in DFU mode to fix it as a last resort


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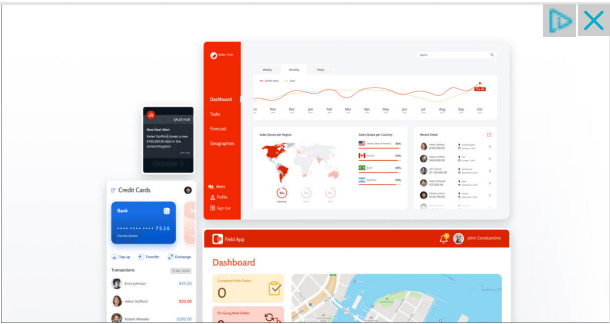





If your iPhone or iPad's technical issues aren't solved from a reset or restore, you can try using DFU mode. MosayMay/Shutterstock

- **DFU mode is a way to recover your iPhone or iPad using a computer.**
- **To put an iPhone or iPad into DFU mode, you'll need to use either iTunes or Finder.**
- **DFU mode works differently on iPhones and iPads with Face ID, compared to older models.**





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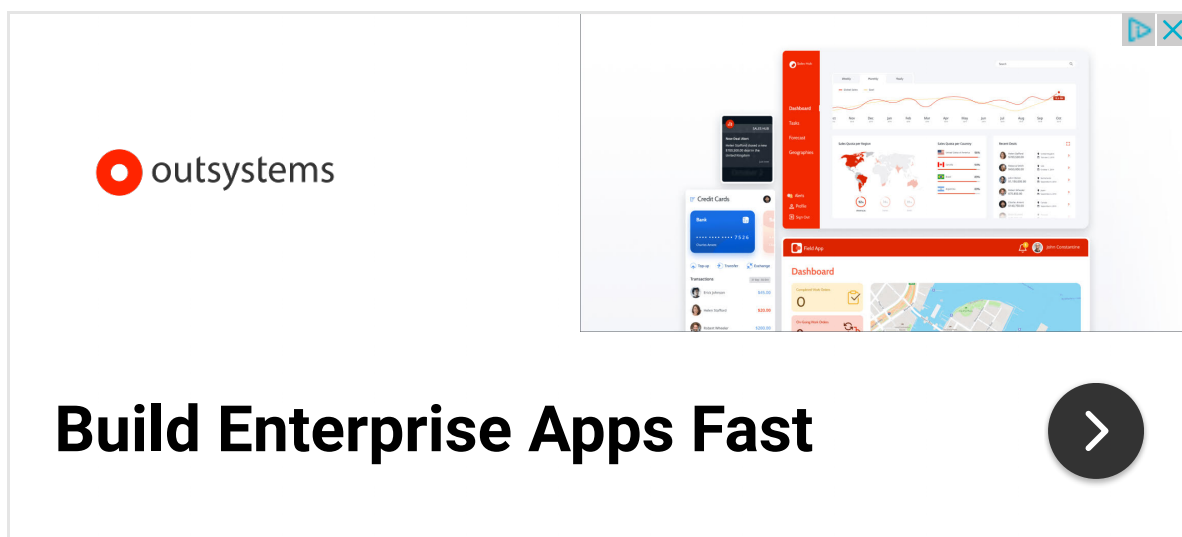


Your iPhone or iPad can sometimes run into technical issues, requiring the device to be reset or restored.

However, if it can't be recovered through its settings, this

can complicate efforts and require the use of iTunes or Finder to restore the device's operating system and firmware.

Here's how you can use DFU mode and a computer to restore your iPhone or iPad when it cannot recover itself.

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What is DFU mode?

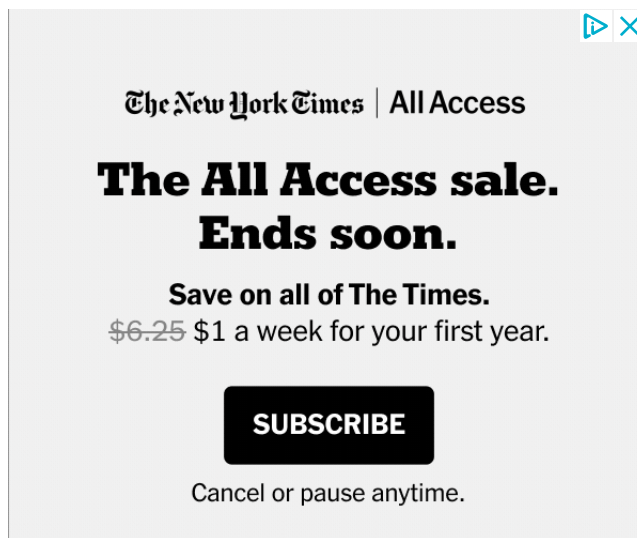
Device Firmware Update mode — or DFU mode for short — is a state that an iPhone or iPad can be put in to get your device back into working order.

DFU mode is similar to the BIOS on Windows computers or Recovery Mode on a Mac. It exists "below" the operating system level — iOS — but can still communicate with

iTunes or Finder on a Windows or Mac computer.

In DFU mode, your iOS device is accessible to iTunes or Finder at a more privileged level. This allows for more to be changed than normal. However, going into DFU mode on its own does not change anything on the iPhone or iPad.

Quick tip: DFU mode can be useful for installing older versions of iOS if a beta release does not allow you to install an update.



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